

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 23-25 and 29-39 are pending in this application.


Claims 19, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,972,192 ("Dubin") in view of the Condensed Chemical Dictionary and either of U.S. Patent No. 4,563,399 ("Wright") or U.S. Patent No. 4,461,680 ("Lashmore"). Claim 40 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Dubin in view of the Condensed Chemical Dictionary and either of Wright or Lashmore, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,969,422 ("Ting"). These rejections are respectfully traversed, in part, for reasons including those set forth in Amendment A. However, in order to place the application in condition for allowance according to the Examiner's remarks, claims 19-22, 26-28 and 40 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 25 and 29-39 were allowed. Claims 23 and 24 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but the Office Action noted that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 23 and 24 have been amended to include the elements of independent claim 19, from which claims 23 and 24 depend.

Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable. Therefore, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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